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## FASCIST APPEASEMENT MOVEMENT RAPIDLY GROWING IN U. S.

## Lindbergh and Coughlin Assuming Leadership

Throughout the country a native fascist movement is expanding under the guise of a "peace" movement. Pretending their purpose is to keep America out of war, key Fifth Columnists are rallying large numbers to the ranks of their followers. Every U. S. Quisling, every U. S. stormtroop band, is employing the same false but effective slogan.

A vivid example of the application of this technique was the America First Committee meeting, held on the night of April 23, at Manhattan Center, New York City. The chief speaker was Charles A. Lindbergh, current darling of U. S. fascists. The hall was packed with members of the Christian Front, the Christian Mobilizers, American Patriots, Crusaders for Americanism, Social Justice Clubs, Committee for the Preservation of America, German-American Bund, and various other Fifth Column organizations.

Outside the hall thousands of persons milled about. Inside, the speakers -- Charles Lindbergh, John T. Flynn, Senator Walsh and others -- were frequently interrupted by Jew-baiting cries from the audience. Little flags were passed among the crowd. A mood of hysterical "patriotism" pervaded the affair. In every respect, the meeting resembled those that Hitler organized in Germany during his rise to power.

## Names and Connections

A list of some of those who attended the meeting is illuminating. It includes August Klapprott, Bund leader now out on bail after conviction in New Jersey on charges of incitement to hate; Gustav Elmer, treasurer of the Bund; Lawrence Dennis, well-known fascist "theoretician," author of *The Coming American Fascism*; John B. Snow, chairman of the League for Constitutional Government, a white-collar fascist group that specializes in spreading anti-Semitic propaganda; George A. Van Noddall, Bund member, former president of the Crusaders for Americanism; Edward James Smythe, intimate of Bundites, KKK leader, staunch Hitlerite and violent anti-Semite; Mrs. Leonora Schuyler (on platform), bigwig in the Allied Patriotic Society, frequenter of Christian Front and Mobilizer meetings; Mrs. Cooper, a leader in the fascist Paul Revere Sentinels, a friend and co-worker of Mrs. Schuyler; Edward Banta, former witness before the Dies Committee, now employed by the American Women Against Communism,

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a fascist organization; James Stewart, street-corner speaker of the Christian Mobilizers and member of their inner council; George Rieper, Christian Front contact man, associated with many Fifth Column groups; Daniel Horgan, bodyguard of the American Destiny Party leader, Joseph McWilliams; James McGee, Christian Front propagandist; Edmund Burke, Christian Mobilizer speaker and organizer, a jailbird; George F. Boian, leading member of the U. S. branch of the Roumanian Iron Guard, disseminator of pro-Nazi propaganda; Reverend Herbert Lewis, Bund and Christian Front member; and dozens of other similar gentry.

#### National Movement Under Lindbergh-Coughlin

The America First Committee meeting is symbolic of the pro-Nazi appeasement movement being used on a nation-wide scale to coordinate the stormtroop forces in this country. The petty jealousies and personal differences among U. S. Fifth Column elements are being subordinated before the interests of this major "peace" campaign.

On March 29, The Hour stated that fascist groups throughout the United States had agreed on Charles A. Lindbergh as the man to assume leadership and act as coordinator of their entire movement. Already the Lone Eagle is serving in this role.

Whereas Lindbergh is to provide the leadership, Father Coughlin is to provide a large portion of the following. The Royal Oak priest himself is not reluctant to admit his part. The lead editorial of the April 28 issue of Social Justice, devoted to praising Lindbergh's present activities, contains this pertinent statement:

"Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh became a member of The America First Committee last week.

"It is the same Committee under whose auspices Senator Burton K. Wheeler speaks.

"It is the same Committee under whose auspices Father Charles E. Coughlin would be speaking did he enjoy one-half as much liberty as a priest and as a citizen, as that enjoyed by Monsignor John A. Ryan of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

"It is the same Committee which all non-interventionists should join in the hope of saving this country from the destructionists -- the New Deal interventionists."

This so-called "peace" movement, of which Lindbergh and Coughlin are the leaders, actually has not the slightest interest in peace. For several years it has gleefully supported the war aims of Nazi Germany. Today it is still eager to see the Third Reich triumph. The fact that this movement has no concern with peace is further shown by the policies this group recommends in connection with the Western Hemisphere. Lindbergh and his associates openly endorse U. S. "expansion" southward and urge the taking over of territory in Latin America "by peaceful means or otherwise." "Seize Mexico" has long been their battle cry.

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## PROPAGANDIST KOISCHWITZ

On April 22 the press announced that two German textbooks written by a Nazi propagandist who formerly taught at Hunter College were to be withdrawn by the Board of Education from the approved high school textbook list. The name of the author is Dr. Otto Koischwitz; the books are Paul und Purifax and Reise in Die Literatur.

Dr. Koischwitz today broadcasts regularly from Germany. His two programs, "The College Hour" and "O. K. Speaking," are in English. Until recently he used the name of "Dr. Anders" in his radio work for the Nazis, but he now speaks under his own name. His programs are among the most important features in the propaganda radio campaign of the Third Reich.

In withdrawing Dr. Koischwitz's books, the Board of Education announced that this action was being taken because of the nature of their author's present activities.

## Koischwitz and Hunter College

Almost two years ago, on August 30, 1939, The Hour ran an article entitled, "Hitlerite Teaches German In New York's Hunter College." The item opened with the statement; "Assistant Professor Otto Koischwitz, German-language teacher at Hunter College in New York City, is an open and active propagandist of Nazism."

As evidence of Dr. Koischwitz's proclivities, we mentioned that the Nazi publication Literatur had carried a letter from him stating Hitler was Germany and democracy, being anti-Nazi, was therefore anti-German. We also pointed out that in 1938 Koischwitz published in German a study of Eugene O'Neill, in which he praised the American playwright for his alleged failure to protest against Nazism. We named as another example of the Professor's pro-Nazi sentiments and propaganda activity his A German-American Interprets Germany (Gutenberg Publishing Co., Milwaukee), a book full of praise for Hitler and studded with such comments as: "Intellect is poison, blood is power."

## From Hunter to Hitler

At the time we revealed these facts, we brought them to the attention of the authorities at Hunter College. To our knowledge, no action was taken by the college. (Chairman of the German Department, at the time, was Professor Adolph Busse. When he retired in 1939, he left the U. S. A. and went to Germany to live with his daughter, who is married to a Nazi official.)

Koischwitz continued teaching at Hunter until he went on a vacation in 1939 to Germany. He remained in Germany, where he has carried on his work for the Nazis on a grander scale, if not more openly, than when at Hunter College in New York City.

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## THE HOUR IS VISITED

On April 5, The Hour listed a number of Ukrainian fascists who have been operating in and near Pittsburgh, in the vicinity of that spot where the Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh express was derailed on March 16. Among the names mentioned was that of Ivan Baran, an intimate of key Ukrainian-Nazis, who has lately become a frequent visitor to Pittsburgh. Baran, as we pointed out, was linked with Theodore Wozniak in connection with the Black Tom explosion, the biggest sabotage job of the last war. (Wozniak confessed to his part in the explosion and to being in contact with German agents at the time.)

Consequent to our article on the Pennsylvania train wreck, The Hour offices received telephone calls from a number of the Ukrainian fascists operating in New York. The makers of these calls strenuously objected to The Hour's attacks on the Ukrainian fascist element in this country. They urged that The Hour stop its attacks on the Fifth Column among the Ukrainian-Americans.

### Wozniak Calls

On April 24, in the afternoon, a stranger visited the offices of The Hour. He asked various questions about our work but refused at first to give his name. Finally, he admitted his identity. He was Theodore Wozniak, of Black Tom notoriety.

Wozniak declared he was no longer in touch with Ivan Baran. The only other name Wozniak mentioned was that of Michael Piznak, lawyer for the Ukrainian Nationalist Association, friend of Baran and intimate of Ukrainian fascists. Wozniak made a point of stating that he was seeing nothing of Piznak "these days."

During the conversation between the editor of The Hour and Wozniak, something dropped from the latter's sleeve. He picked it up hurriedly and rather self-consciously. It was the blade of a hack saw.

Before leaving, Wozniak recommended that The Hour use caution in any future mention of his name.

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